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IMPORTED NOVELTY SEEDS

NEW ZEALAND SPINACH The Maori King



Nothing better for the family garden. This spinach is available for use during the hottest months of the mid-summer, when ordinary spinach is not to be had. This famous plant is a true spinach and surpasses all others in productiveness, quality, rapidity of growth and hardiness. The plants remain bearing in abundance for years, either in the richest and best kept garden or on the dryest and most arid patch. Can be cut repeatedly, as the tender foliage is quickly renewed.

The only Spinach that will furnish a constant supply. It grows anywhere like a weed, and when cut, its succulent leaves and stems grow out at once and can be used again in a few days.

Seeds 25c per package.

AUSTRALIAN GIANT CABBAGE

This new and marvelous production has created a tremendous sensation amongst the gardeners in Australia, New Zealand and Cape Colony (which have climates similar to that of California). It is known as the 100 lb. Cabbage and is a most rapid grower and a great blight and drouth resister. Grows enormous heads, very solid and compact, and as hard as a cannon ball, frequently measuring two feet across, with an outer circumference of ten feet.

The quality is unsurpassed for delicacy of flavor and the leaves are fine grained and crisp. It is the most handsome and uniform cabbage grown and Australians highly praise its edible qualities.

Seeds 25c per package.

THE GIANT CAULIFLOWER

AUSTRALASIA

A new and marvelous specimen of the cauliflower. It produces enormous pure white heads often over 30 lbs. in weight, of a uniform size well protected by leaves. It is very compact and a rapid grower and withstands dry weather well. Without doubt, it is the heaviest, surest and best of all varieties ever introduced into the United States. In cool districts with water in abundance it can be sown all the year round.

Packages 25c Each—Supply limited.

THE SOLOMON ISLAND EDIBLE ORNAMENTAL GOURD.



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This is a new Vegetable and is unknown in the United States. In Australasia it has various names, the most common of which is the Guada Bean, but it is not a Bean, it belongs to the Gourd Family.

They are easily grown, and require very little care, and will be in full bearing three months after planting, but they must have warm or hot weather and plenty of water.

The vine is a climber, the leaves are large and lobed, the flowers white, with filaments, are scented and look like a large beautiful Orchid.

The Gourds are of the thickness of a man's wrist and grow to a length of 5 and 6 feet, they assume various shapes, some straight, some bent and coiled like large snakes ready to strike, their color is green with white stripes, but when over-ripe some will be yellow, some purple and others a deep copper red. They make a very rare and attractive appearance.

The "Cottage Gardener" (a leading Australian Garden Magazine) says: "It is the most appetizing Vegetable grown,—they are splendid, no peeling, no strings, no trouble."

Complete Instructions regarding this Splendid Vegetable with every package.

Seeds per package, 25c.

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THE KOREAN TURNIP

This Turnip is a native of North Asia but it is a Vegetable that readily "becomes at home" in almost any climate. By planting at intervals it will crop all the year round. It is a small turnip, which makes it best for table use where the family is small as there are no pieces left to cook another day, or to be wasted, as is the case with the large ones. They are almost round with a smooth white

skin. The flesh is tender and sweet, and they are so firm that they stand more landing without spoiling than any other variety.

The seeds are Imported and absolutely Fresh,

Package of Seeds 25c.

THE WONDERFUL MADAGASCAR BEAN

A very strong EVERGREEN PERENNIAL CLIMBER, producing immense quantities of large, flat, nutritious Beans, very much sought after in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, not alone for the fruit it produces, but it makes an excellent climber for shutting out unsightly places.

The vines are so prolific it is estimated that in a moderately warm situation, and good soil, two plants will supply a small family for nine months in the year.

It is not necessary to have poles as the vines are natural climbers and will cling to old houses, fences, posts or trees. The beans are not only very nutritious but have a flavor and tenderness equal to any of the best varieties of their kind.

Pick when young and cook the same as the ordinary string bean. The seeds are slow to germinate unless put into hot water and allowed to soak for at least 12 hours.

The seeds are the genuine Black Seeded Madagascar Bean and not a "Jack Bean" or a mere flowering Vine. They are a Perennial, although under favorable conditions they may crop the season they are planted, but as a rule a perennial will not crop until the following season. Do not pass judgment on the look of the seed or the vine, wait until you see and and try the Beans. The seeds are Imported by us and are Fresh.

1 package containing 25 seeds 50c.

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

THE DESERT PEA.

The Finest Native Flower of Australia.

This beautiful plant is a Biennial Trailer, it is comparatively easy of cultivation, requiring a light sandy soil, well drained, and plenty of heat to bring out its flowers to their highest beauty. They are a brilliant scarlet with intense black spots in the center.

Seeds should be planted where they are to remain as it will not easily transplant. The seeds require to be soaked in hot water before sowing. No new manure must be allowed to come in contact with the plants, but any old lime or building refuse will be beneficial.

Seeds 50c per package.

THE BARBERTON SCARLET DAISY FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

This is one of the most rare and beautiful flowers of Africa, and is of easy culture provided the seeds are freshly gathered.

The flower seeds, though they will not germinate when sown in the garden in the first year, they will germinate in the second year.

THESE SEEDS WILL NOT GERMINATE AFTER THEY ARE THREE MONTHS OLD.

The plant forms a dense tuft of leaves from the crown of which it sends up in constant succession stout stems 12 to 18 inches long, which terminate with a single daisy like flower fully 3 inches, and varying in color from bright orange red to deep vermilion, a rich, glowing, and entirely new color in this style of flower.

Our seeds are directly imported and are freshly gathered from the very latest crop.

Package of Seeds 50c.

Absolutely new seeds are very difficult to obtain, hence our present supply is limited.

(We do not break packages)

All seeds freshly gathered and are imported by us. Sent by mail to any address. Money Orders, Checks, Currency or Silver.

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THE ALGAROA OR CAROB TREE.

(*Ceratonia Siliqua*.)

Grows anywhere in the poorest soil, bearing two crops of Bean Pods yearly within three years of sowing seeds, unsurpassed as a fattening food for all kinds of farm stock. The fragrant flowers produce the finest flavored Honey, the Bark yields the highest percentage of Tannin, the Pods make the best Vinegar and Spirit, owing to their high Saccharine value, the Wood burns equal to coal, the Branches make superior Charcoal, the Timbers are close-grained, very ornamental and impervious to insect life.

A magnificent Evergreen Shade Tree with graceful and delicate foliage, enriching the soil and converting the Desert into an Oasis.

What "Chambers" Says About This Tree.

"The seeds germinate readily—the exportation of the Pods for cattle-food from Crete is very large. The fruit is used for a medicinal syrup,—an imitation of chocolate,—a liqueur (Wittmack). In some of the Mediterranean countries horses and stable animals are almost exclusively fed on the pods; the meat of Sheep and Pigs is greatly improved in flavor by this food, while its fattening properties are twice those of Oil-cake.

The Pods contain about 66 per cent. of sugar and gum. To horses and cattle 6 pounds a day are given of the crushed pods, raw or boiled, with or without chaff.

The New Guinea Butter Bean.

Before planting soak the seeds 24 hours in water. After transplanting cultivate frequently and water well, and occasionally a watering with a weak liquid manure. Watch closely when the blossoms come, and if any of the leaves on the vines or the little fuzzy beans behind the flowers begin to shrivel and turn yellow, cut them off at once and burn them as the Thrip is there. Spray with a weak Kerosene Emulsion and from time to time spraying with cold water is beneficial.

Different conditions of soil and climate cause the bean to vary very much in size, hence it is difficult to say just when they ought to be cut for table use, but they **Must be Used Before the Seeds Get Hard**. Cut when they are still green and from 7 to 20 inches long.

For a Summer Squash scrape or peel off the green skin, cut in squares, soak in slightly salt water for an hour or two and cook same as the ordinary Squash. Some pass it through a cullender, others prefer it in pieces served with cream sauce.

Scrape off the outer skin, cut in thin slices, dip in Egg Batter and fry in butter until nicely browned.

Use it for Pies same as Pumpkin.

The little Beans left on the vines at the end of the season make splendid Pickles.

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Complete directions on planting, cooking, etc., with every package.

Seeds per package, 50c for 6, or 16 for \$1.00.
(We do not break packages.)

THE TASMANIAN CITRON PRESERVING MELON.

This is the Melon from which the celebrated TASMANIAN JAM (Australia) is principally made. The Lemon and Ginger flavor is the most approved, but it readily takes any flavor by the addition of a small quantity of the fruit or the extract desired, so one can make a reasonably priced jam when fruit is expensive.

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Package containing about 75 seeds, 25c.

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Instances are on record of a tree yielding nearly half a ton in a season."

Package of 16 Seeds, 50c.

PASSION FRUIT PLANT.

(*Passiflora Edulis.*)

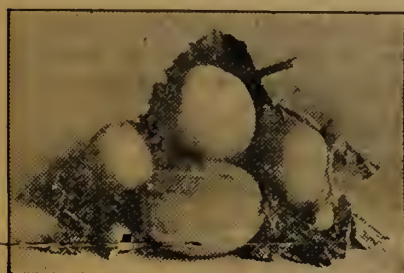
Of the well known and beautiful Passion Vine there are several varieties with different colored flowers, but the best of all, the *Passiflora Edulis*, is almost unknown in the United States. It is a strong showy climber with flowers same as the ordinary Passion Vine, but white. It bears enormous crops of delicious and wholesome Fruit during many months in the year in almost any soil or situation, and it may truly be called the Poor Man's Fruit.

Invaluable for Fruit Salads and Table Jam.

Seeds per package, 50c.

The Seeds are Imported by us and we Guarantee them to be as represented. Complete instructions for Planting, etc., on every Package. At present, supply is very limited.

THE EGYPTIAN VEGETABLE PEACH.



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of the ordinary varieties it is firmer in texture, and possesses a delicate flavor that pleases all who have tried it.

It makes a white transparent Jam that is absolutely unequalled. Full directions for planting, cooking, and jam making mailed with every package. We think that we can claim that we have introduced a Vegetable that will be welcome in every garden.

(We do not break packages.) Seeds per package, 50c.

THE GIGANTIC NEW GUINEA BUTTER BEAN.



This Wonderful Edible Vegetable is a native of New Guinea; it was introduced into Australia where it has become a very popular vegetable. It does exceedingly well in all parts of the United States and Canada, but, in these United States, growers have not cut them young enough for edible purposes, they *must* be young for cooking. They equal the Egg Plant and surpass the Summer Squash.

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It costs us more, but we send all Seeds per 1st class mail, as the delivery is quicker and there is less chance of their getting lost.

We fill all orders very promptly. You ought to receive them per return mail plus two days. If you do not, notify us at once. Do not wait over two weeks before doing so no matter what part of the U. S. your address is.

The best and cheapest way to remit is per P. O. Money Order made payable to Novelty Seed Importing Co. Keep the receipt and if the Order is lost you can recover, and as no one can cash it but us, you can know if we received it or not.

However we accept any kind of money, but we do not like postage stamps, as the sorting and counting takes up too much time.

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